

## SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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Held on Wednesday, Nov 18,2020  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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### **COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cathy Yeung	President	Muni Ismail	Secretary
Jia Lu	Vice President	Sunny Sun	DPAC Representative
Effie Gomulia	Treasurer		

**PRESENT:** Shabnam Taheri, Daniela Tolzman, Bahar, Teresa Themsing, Silvina Moscato, Mr. Finch, Victoria Mendes, Hamid Payombarnia

### **Meeting was called to order at 9:30am.**

### **Meeting Agenda**

- 1) Welcome Remarks --- Cathy Yeung (5 Minute)
- 2) Approval of Agenda and Oct 2020 AGM Minutes ---(1 Minute)
- 3) DPAC Report – Sunny Sun (5 minutes)
- 4) Wish list Updates – Shabnam Taheri
- 5) Final Approval of Budget Proposal for year 2020-2021 – Effie (5 minutes)
- 6) Principal Report --- Mr. Finch (25 Minutes)
- 7) Christmas Decoration Helpers – Tues, Dec 1 at 3:30pm
- 8) Upcoming Events -- Holiday Treats for staff Dec 18, 2020— Daniela Tolzman (5 mins)
- 9) Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (10 Minutes)

1. Cathy started the meeting by welcoming all to Sentinel PAC.
2. Approval of the agenda and Oct 2020 AGM minutes. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Daniela and second by Muni. All in favour.
3. Sunny reports at Nov DPAC meeting there is Virtual Q&A – Chris Kennedy (WV superintendent), Mark Pearmain (North Van Superintendent) with VCH’s Dr. Harding – both Carolyn Broady and Chris Kennedy emphasized that a lot of our health-related questions, specifically around the pandemic was addressed in great detail with Dr. Harding from VCH on October 28 during a Q&A with Chris Kennedy and Mark Pearmain. Link to the Q&A: [video here](#).
4. Shabnam Taheri reports that the Wish List Committee had reviewed all the 2020-2021 wish list requests. Last year we received 47 requests and this year we have received 30 requests. The wish list items are for non-curriculum-based requests from teachers, staff and clubs, which benefit as many students as possible.

The funding came from PAC Special Levy and Gaming Grant.

This year, our Wish list committee has granted funds towards the purchase of:

- Math competition fees for the Math Department
- Main gym - new sound system
- Independent reading books for English and Biology/Psychology/Health Sciences
- Visual Arts - Color Photo Printer for students' portfolio
- Music Dept -Pro Apps Bundle and Cord management "snake" for concerts and recording
- Library-bookshelf
- Modern Language-microphones
- Student Council and English-garden guru food planting and many more items.

All these wish list items benefit our Sentinel Students' Learning.

5. Effie gave a brief financial update on both the PAC 2020-2021 School Year Budget Proposal and the Income and Expenses Report. She explained the accounting system of ours is cash basis. Cathy proposed to give a final approval of the 2020-2021 Budget Proposal. All in favour.
6. Mr. Finch talked about Q1 ended on Nov 17 and Q2 begins on Nov 18. There will be new changes in the schedule, Grade 10-12 Monday afternoon A/B remote is now change to Wed. Grade 10-12 Monday and Thurs F2F for A group and Tues and Fri for Group B. Q1 - Monday was remote hybrid day (Gr 8&9- cohorts) Q2- Now all classes are cohorts.

The report cards are coming out next week on Tues, Nov 24. This will be the final grades for all the courses they have taken in Q1.

This week we will also be taking GRAD PHOTOS. This year GRADS BC will be coming after school and set up at school instead of the students travelling to down town.

Grad 7 info sessions is usually in January. This year we will be doing it virtually. Grads BC will perform an intro video to show the parents the entire school virtually.

I have received a few emails regarding school ventilation. With regards to the air filtration systems, all West Vancouver schools have been upgraded to the new Merc 13 filters. Additionally, whereas the filters were traditionally changed twice during the year, facilities is now replacing the new filters every 3 months (i.e 4x year). In our 3 portable classrooms, we have been equipped with the new HEPA air exchange units. Facilities has also purchased HEPA air scrubbers for each school which are used every day cleaning.

We have a number of our classes which still continue to use the outdoor spaces. (weather permitting). A vast majority of our classrooms that have exterior windows, or doors are being left open during the day. Although perhaps not for the entire day. Our teachers are reminded regularly to help create fresh air flow whenever possible. We are doing everything to maintain cleanliness and a virus-free environment. Regular hand sanitizing of the door knobs and hand rails is constantly being carried out throughout the day. It is a huge job, but our students

and staff are rising to the challenge as they always do in Spartan Spirit.

Megan Gray has now returned back to teaching her classes. Mr. Bashi our student councilor is our newest addition who will be starting today. He comes with great experience. He has taught for 22 years in the Coquitlam School District and is presently completing his second master's degree as a Councilor.

#### Covid19 Updates:

Things are going very well in school. The kids and the staff get the pressure and importance to follow the safety protocols. Every day we hand out between have masks to hang out to students who forgot to bring their masks. In classrooms because they are in the same cohort, they do not have to wear masks but 95% of the kids still continue to wear the masks.

All advice is taken from VCH. Our staff will check again all protocols in Q2. Kids at lunch time are hanging out with the same cohort of physically distancing. As the numbers are getting higher, we have had a staff meeting to make sure that everyone is reminded not to get compliant. There is an increase in anxiety as cases are increasing and people are feeling greater stress including the teachers. However, we are doing a great job to make sure our school is safe.

Grades 8 and - will be cohort until the end of the year. (same kids)

Grades 10-12 due to the variance, we are doing hybrid learning.

7. It's the Holiday season coming and we had scheduled Christmas decoration on Tuesday, Dec 1 after school at 3:30pm. We will need 6 parents volunteer helper. Any parent who are interested in helping out, please email the PAC.
8. Sentinel Staff Holiday Treats Day is on December 18, 2020. We are asking Grade 8, 10, 11 to jointly sponsor this event. In previous years, we asked parents to provide baked goods, appetizers, fruits and drinks but this year due to Covid19, and for everyone's safety, we are asking parents for a monetary donation via e-transfer, cash or cheque so we order food catering and get some gift baskets treats for all teachers and staff.
9. Cafeteria is not going to open in Q2 and we are not sure if it will remain closed for the school year. The gym is closed during lunch time as we are unable to monitor which kids are in the same cohorts.

Meeting was adjourned @10.45am.